

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3382

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: AFSP, CGEN  
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR TWO PIT POSITIONS

REF: (A) STATE 48898 (B) DAMASCUS 2934 (C) DAMASCUS 2277

1. EMBASSY REQUIRES TWO PIT POSITIONS AUTHORIZED REF A FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS TO CARRY CONSULAR SECTION THROUGH SUMMER RUSH SEASON AND TO ASSIST IN IV SERVICES STILL BEING OFFERED TO RESIDENTS OF LEBANON.

2. NIV WORKLOAD FOR MAY 1977 WAS APPROX 30 PERCENT HIGHER THAN MAY 1976 AND 300 PER CENT HIGHER THAN MAY 1975. WE EXPECT INCREASED NIV DEMAND FROM SYRIANS TO CONTINUE THROUGH AT LEAST SUMMER RUSH. ADDITIONALLY, IV ISSUANCE IS A LEVEL, TWICE LAST YEARS, WITH ONE-THIRD ISSUANCE TO RESIDENTS OF LEBANON. AT LEAST ONE LOCAL POSITION IS AT PRESENT FULLY OCCUPIED WITH OTHER IV APPLICANTS FROM LEBANON IN HANDLING REQUESTS FOR CLEARANCES, FILES CHECKS, TRANSFERS AND APPROVED PETITIONS RECEIVED FROM INS.

3. AT PRESENT, EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO REALLOCATE PROGRAM POSITION SO THAT ONE PIT WHO HAS BEEN WITH US IN THAT STATUS FOR EIGHT PLUS MONTHS CAN HAVE REGULAR FSL STATUS. REF A PROMISED THAT BUREAU WOULD CONSULT WITH SCA REGARDING ADDITIONAL PERMANENT FSL PH WION FOR DAMASCUS. IN REF C, EMBASSY DEFERRED DECISION ON UNCLASSIFIED

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REALLOCATION OF PROGRAM POSITION TO CONSULAR SECTION UNTIL FY 1979 CONSULAR PACKAGE SUBMITTED (REF B). REF B REQUESTED ADDITIONAL POSITION ASAP.

4. EMBASSY SEES NO WAY TO CONTINUE MEETING CONSULAR NEEDS WITHOUT CONTINUING TWO PIT POSITIONS FOR ANOTHER THREE MONTHS BY WHICH TIME WE WOULD HOPE DEPARTMENT WOULD AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL PERMANENT

FSL POSITION. WE FORSEE NO NEED FOR SECOND PIT POSITION AFTER  
EARLY SEPTEMBER, ASSUMING ALL IV SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF  
LEBANON ARE PHASED OUT HERE BY THEN.  
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